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Section 15

500.39540X00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Atsushi MAEDA
Serial No.: 09/768,472
Filing Date: January 25, 2001
For: METHOD FOR BALANCING LOAD ON A PLURALITY OF SWITCHING APPARATUS
Art Unit: Not yet assigned
Attention: Box Missing Parts

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 31, 2001

Sir:

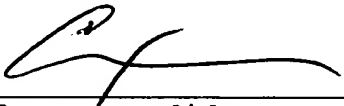
In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing the Declaration within the first month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application. A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.39540X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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